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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTOCOL TREATMENT OF AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S
DEPARTURE

1. SOVIET TREATMENT OF AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE WAS CORRECT,
BUT RESTRAINED TO THE DEGREE THAT EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL
COOLNESS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN INTENDED.

2. NEITHER BREZHNEV NOR PODGORNYY NOR KOSYGIN RECEIVED THE
AMBASSADOR FOR REQUESTED FAREWELL CALL. (WE WERE TOLD THAT LATTER
TWO ARE OUT OF MOSCOW, BUT MUZUROV NOT OFFERED AS SUBSTITUTE FOR
KOSYGIN.) ON GOVERNMENT SIDE, FAREWELL CALLS WERE PAID ON DEPUTY
PREMIER (AND STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHAIRMAN)
KIRILLIN AND ON FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO, AND CALLS ON DEPUTIES
OF PODGORNYY (MOLCHANOV), MINFONTRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV SEMICHASTNIY)

AND MOSCOW MAYOR PROMYSLOV WERE OFFERED (BUT NOT PICKED UP).
GROMYKO RECEIVED AMBASSADOR AS FOREIGN MINISTER, SO THAT DESPITE HIS
POLITBURO MEMBERSHIP THERE WERE NO CALLS ON PARTY SIDE.

3. GROMYKO'S LUNCH SEPTEMBER 10 WAS MARKED BY CORDIALITY
AND WARM PERSONAL REMARKS FROM FONMIN, AND FAREWELL
RECEPTION AT SPASO DREW GOOD TURNOUT OF DEPUTY MINISTERS,
BUT THERE WAS NO MINISTERIAL-LEVEL REPRESENTATION AT
SPASO, AND GROMYKO'S RANKING GUESTS AT LUNCH WERE HEALTH
MINISTER PETROVSKIY AND MERCHANT MARINE MINISTER GUZHENKO.

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4. PRESS TREATMENT WAS NO MORE THAN CORRECT: SEPTEMBER 10

PRAVDA AND ENGLISH TASS SAME DAY CARRIED BRIEF NOTICE
ON FAREWELL CALL ON AND LUNCH BY GROMYKO, WITHOUT
CHARACTERIZATION.

5. AIRPORT FAREWELL WAS BARELY CORRECT. TOP SOVIET REPS
WERE DEPUTY CHIEF KRYLOV AND JUNIOR OFFICER SEMYONOV FROM
MFA PROTOCOL DIVISION, WITHOUT PROTOCOL CHIEF NIKIFOROV.
NO ONE FROM MFA USA DIVISION WAS ON HAND.
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